(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALA SAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) The Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has informed that there are three branches of LIC in Meghalaya located at Tura, Shillong and Jowai.

(b) No, Sir. .

(c) Does not arise.

Enactment of effective laws to prevent encroachments around Ancient Monuments

*713. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA'; Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the existing laws are not comprehensive and stringent enough to take care of the encroachers in and around our ancient monuments;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal for amending those laws; and

(c) if so, the salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) The existing laws are effective to deal with encroachers.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Question does not arise.

Purchase of share holdings in Newspapers by the Financial Institutions

†*714. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether'a financial institution of Government of India had purchased share holding in the Pioneer newspaper;

(b) if so, the quantum thereof and conditions laid in this regard;

(c) the names of other newspapers wherein the financial institutions of Government of India have purchased share holdings; and

(d) the policy of Government of India in this regard?

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